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TOPIC Mahlwinkel Airfield 25X1

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1. On 2 November 1952, 80 Russians, 300 Germans and 50 convicts from Stendal were employed at Mahlwinkel airfield. It appeared that the target date for completion which was fixed for 15 November 1952 would be kept. The entire field, except for the extension of the landing field, was covered with humus from Tangerhuetten. Wood was still being hauled away from the extension of the landing field. Two-thirds of the field was rolled. The Russians who rolled the area simultaneously spread nitrogenous fertilizer. Grass seeds had arrived at the field but were not yet sown.
2. It appeared that the ground, although it was covered with humus would not be solid enough for the landings and take-offs of planes. During the last days, the soil was slightly firmer because of heavy rainfalls. However, during a dry period, the soil again become powdery because the first clay layer is at a depth of between 10 and 15 meters. No indications of the construction of runways or taxiways were observed.
3. According to two members of the construction headquarters, the construction staff was of the opinion that the field would be completed at the fixed date and that the staff would subsequently be transferred to Parchim airfield. The two men also stated that further steps would be taken in order to give the soil the required solidity.

1. Comment. The report does not contain new information. The previously reported problem of the Werder construction headquarters to find a way to make the landing field sufficiently solid had not been solved up to 15 October 1952.

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